Open Call for Inputs

A Prevention-based Approach to Reducing Firearms-related Violence under the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap

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Submissions to: UNLIREC & CARICOM IMPACS via this form.

I. BACKGROUND

The Caribbean Firearms Roadmap (Roadmap) provides a regional framework for preventing and combating illicit trafficking and misuse of firearms and ammunition across Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States and the Dominican Republic. As participating States consider how to further advance the Roadmap's objectives, there is growing recognition that sustainable reductions in firearms-related violence require not only security-focused measures, but also effective prevention measures that address risk factors and drivers associated with illicit firearm acquisition, circulation, possession and misuse. This recognition was reinforced by the 2025 Mid-Term Review of the Roadmap´s implementation and the adoption of the "Port- of- Spain Declaration on the Fifth Anniversary of the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap." Participating States called for an inclusive and consultative process to explore how prevention-focused components can be incorporated into the Roadmap. In response, UNLIREC and CARICOM IMPACS are developing a proposal to integrate a prevention component that complements and reinforces the Roadmap's existing Goals, which will be presented at the Sixth Annual Meeting of States in November 2026.

II. PURPOSE

Pursuant to the Port-of-Spain Declaration, UNLIREC and CARICOM IMPACS invite stakeholders to submit inputs and recommendations to support the development of a prevention-focused approach to reducing firearms-related violence under the Caribbean Firearms Roadmap. Submissions will help inform discussions on integrating a prevention component that reinforces the Roadmap's existing Goals, while enhancing, rather than duplicating, existing violence prevention initiatives across the Caribbean.

III. SUBMISSIONS

Considerable work has been done both globally and regionally to integrate prevention-focused elements within firearms-control frameworks in an effort to reduce firearms-related violence. As part of the first phase of developing the proposed prevention component, these efforts were reviewed to identify key thematic areas related to prevention, each with a direct nexus to firearms and ammunition control or firearms-related violence.

KEY THEMATIC AREAS:

The thematic areas presented below are not exhaustive; they synthesise themes identified through a desk review of international and regional documents, strategies and initiatives. A reference list of reviewed documents and initiatives is available here, while key concepts and definitions relevant to this Open Call can be accessed here.

Any additional thematic area or proposed intervention should demonstrate a direct and material nexus to firearms and ammunition control or the prevention of firearms-related violence.

- Government Leadership and Coordination
- Community Partnerships and Public Participation in Firearms-related Violence Prevention
- Public Health, Health-Informed Approaches to Firearms-related Violence and Early Intervention
- Youth-focused Prevention of Firearm Acquisition, Carrying and Misuse, including Safe Learning Environments
- Support for Victims and Survivors of Firearms-related Violence and Trauma-Informed Responses
- Gender-Responsive and Firearms-related Violence Inclusive Prevention
- Firearms-related Data, Research, and Learning
- Prevention through Policing, Justice, and Action against Firearms-enabled Organised Crime
- Regional and International Cooperation on Firearms and Ammunition Control
- Public Awareness, Social Cohesion and a Culture of Peacebuilding, relating to Illicit Firearms and Armed Violence

1. Stakeholders are invited to provide inputs on the relevance and prioritization of the identified thematic areas as it relates to the implementation of actions that contribute

to preventing firearms-related violence and maintaining a direct and material nexus to firearms and ammunition control.
Submissions should be submitted via this form by 21 September 2026.

2. Stakeholders are also asked to provide written inputs, recommendations and examples of programmes, policies, partnerships, research and community-based initiatives that help prevent firearms-related violence, community resilience, reduce vulnerability to armed violence, or address factors associated with violence and the illicit circulation of firearms. Where submissions concern broader public health, education, youth, family, community or development interventions, contributors should explain the specific nexus to firearms-related violence and how the intervention complements existing sectoral mandates and initiatives. Submissions should be no longer than two **pages.** These written inputs may be **submitted to unlirec-info@un.org by 21 September 2026 with the subject: Open Call for Inputs: Caribbean Firearms Roadmap.**

   Contributions may be submitted in English, Spanish or French.

   Stakeholders from government, regional organizations, civil society, community-based organizations, academia, youth groups, the private sector and international partners are strongly encouraged to participate and distribute the Open Call.